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Summary

Statuary Hall has been used as the setting for a variety of events, including memorial ceremonies and receptions for new Members of Congress, award presentations, and as media space after presidential addresses. This report identifies and categorizes uses of Statuary Hall since 2005.

Use of Statuary Hall is at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Under House Rule I, clause 3, the Speaker has the authority to assign unappropriated rooms on the House side of the Capitol, including Statuary Hall. Events in Statuary Hall can also be authorized by House resolution, but no events since 2005 have been held in Statuary Hall on such authority.

Since 2005, Statuary Hall has hosted 183 events. These events can be divided into four categories: (1) receptions and dinners, (2) ceremonies, (3) media events, and (4) memorial services. The report provides a brief explanation of each category and examples of activities in each category.

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Introduction

Between 1819 and 1857, the room currently called Statuary Hall served as the Hall of the House of Representatives.[1] Upon the completion of the current House chamber in 1857, the House debated the fate of the old "Hall of the House" for many years.

> Perhaps the simplest was that it be converted into additional space for the Library of Congress, which was still housed in the Capitol. More drastic was the suggestion that the entire Hall be dismantled and replaced by two floors of committee rooms. Eventually, the idea of using the chamber as an art gallery was approved, and works intended for the Capitol extensions were put on exhibit; among these was the plaster model for the Statue of Freedom, which was later cast in bronze for the Capitol dome. The lack of wall space effectively prevented the hanging of large paintings, but the room seemed well suited to the display of statuary.[2]

The first two events held in Statuary Hall were a reception and dinner for the Society of the Army of the Cumberland on November 20, 1879,[3] and a ceremony to close the Centennial Safe on November 22, 1879.[4]

Today, Statuary Hall is the home to many of the statues in the National Statuary Hall collection, which consists of two statues from each state.[5]

Scheduling Statuary Hall Events

A room in the House Wing of the Capitol may be reserved in one of two ways: through a chamber resolution or pursuant to the Speaker's authority. House Rule I, clause 3 provides the Speaker with the authority to assign unappropriated rooms (i.e., not already assigned to a committee, House leadership, or an officer of the House). House Rule I, clause 3 states

> Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, the Speaker shall have general control of the Hall of the House, the corridors and passages in the part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, and the disposal of unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol.[6]

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[1] U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, "National Statuary Hall," https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildings-grounds/capitol-building/house-wing/statuary-hall.

[2] U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, "National Statuary Hall," https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildings-grounds/capitol-building/house-wing/statuary-hall.

[3] Anson G. McCook, *Address Before the Society of the Army of the Cumberland at their Eleventh Reunion, Washington, November 19, 1879* (Cincinnati: Press of Robert Clarke & Co, 1879).

[4] U.S. Congress, Office of the House Historian, "The Mysterious Centennial Safe of Mrs. Charles F. Deihm," *Historical Highlights*, https://history.house.gov/Historical-Highlights/1851-1900/The-mysterious-Centennial-safe-of-Mrs—Charles-F—Deihm/#:~:text=On%20this%20date%2C%20Mrs.,country's%20centennial%20celebration%20in%201876.

[5] U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, "About the National Statuary Hall Collection," https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art/about-national-statuary-hall-collection. For a list of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection, see U.S. Congress, Architect of the Capitol, "The Art Collection," https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art?search&artist=All&collection%5B119%5D=119&state=All&location=All. National Statuary Hall Collection statues are currently housed in National Statuary Hall and in various halls of the Capitol, including the Capitol Crypt, the Hall of Columns, the Rotunda, the first and second floor of the Senate Wing of the Capitol, and the second floor House connecting corridor. Additionally, statues are also housed in the Capitol Visitor Center. See also, CRS Report R42812, *National Statuary Hall Collection: Background and Legislative Options*, by Jacob R. Straus and R. Eric Petersen.

[6] House Rule I, clause 3. U.S. Congress, *Constitution, Jefferson's Manual, and Rules of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress*, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., H.Doc. 115-177 (Washington: GPO, 2019), §623, at

For rooms jointly controlled by the House and Senate (e.g., the Rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitors Center), a concurrent resolution is generally required to authorize use.[7]

Initially adopted in 1811 to provide the Speaker with approval authority over events in the House chamber,[8] clause 3 was last amended in 1911, to provide the Speaker with control over unappropriated rooms elsewhere in the House Wing of the Capitol.[9] Since 1911, the Speaker has generally authorized use of rooms in the House Wing of the Capitol not otherwise appropriated.[10]

Events in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

Since 2005, 183 events have been held in Statuary Hall. The House Sergeant at Arms, whose office provided data for this report, defines an event as activity that prevents public access to Statuary Hall for a period of time. As a result, activities such as a brief wreath laying at a particular statue are not included. **Table 1** reports the total number of events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. The **Appendix** provides the date of each event and a brief description.

Table 1. Number of Events Held in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

Year	Number
2005	16
2006	15
2007	16
2008	18
2009	10
2010	15
2011	12
2012	9
2013	14
2014	9
2015	4
2016	13
2017	9
2018	10

https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/HouseRulesManual116/rule1.xml.

[7] Since the 101st Congress (1989-1990), at least one event was held in the Rotunda without a concurrent resolution: the lying in state of President Gerald Ford. President Ford died in December 2006, during the recess between the 109th and 110th Congress. The Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader jointly authorized the use of the Rotunda without a concurrent resolution. For more information on use of the Rotunda, Emancipation Hall, and the Capitol Grounds, see CRS Report RL34619, *Use of the Capitol Rotunda, Capitol Grounds, and Emancipation Hall: Concurrent Resolutions, 101st to 115th Congresses*, by Jacob R. Straus.

[8] U.S. Congress, *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Asher C. Hinds, vol. 2 (Washington: GPO, 1907), §1354, pp. 892-893. The Speaker's authority to assign rooms in the House Wing of the Capitol stems from his or her general authority to control the use of the House chamber. For more information, see "Committee Rooms, &c.," *Annals of the Congress of the United States*, vol. 42 (May 26, 1824), p. 2764.

[9] U.S. Congress, *Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Clarence Cannon, vol. 6 (Washington: GPO, 1935), §261, pp. 424-425. See also, "Recognition Still Remains with the Speaker," *Congressional Record*, vol. 47, part 1 (April 5, 1911), p. 80.

[10] U.S. Congress, *Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives of the United States*, prepared by Asher C. Hinds, vol. 5 (Washington: GPO, 1907), §7273, p. 1104.

Year	Number
2019	12
2020	1[a]
Total	**183**

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

a. In March 2020, the House began restricting access to the House office buildings and the House wing of the Capitol because of COVID-19. No events were held in Statuary Hall after the January 15, 2020, Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason. For more information, see U.S. Congress, House, Committee on House Administration and Committee on Ethics, "Update about the Coronavirus: Joint House Administration-Ethics Guidance," at https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=295964.

Following receipt of the data from the House Sergeant at Arms, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) examined the events and divided them into four categories: (1) receptions and dinners, (2) ceremonies, (3) media events, and (4) memorial services. The following sections provide a brief explanation of each category and examples of activities. **Table 2** reports the number of events since 2005, by category.

Table 2. Events Held in Statuary Hall, by Category

2005-2020

Category	Number	Percentage of Total
Receptions / Dinners	103	56.3%
Ceremonies	56	30.7%
Media Events	10	5.4%
Memorial Services	14	7.6%
Total	**183**	**100%**

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

Receptions/Dinners

The largest percentage of events held in Statuary Hall since 2005 (56.3%) were receptions or dinners, hosted by both official congressional entities and private groups. For example, the Joint Congressional Committee on the Inaugural Ceremonies held the Inaugural Luncheon in Statuary Hall in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017; and the Capitol Historical Society held a reception for new Members of Congress in the Hall in 2005 and 2013. **Figure 1** shows a picture from the United States Capitol Historical Society reception honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation on February 24, 2016.

Figure 1. United States Capitol Historical Society Reception to Honor the 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation

February 24, 2016

Source: United States Capitol Historical Society, "USCHS Honors 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation," at https://uschs.org/news-releases/uschs-honors-90th-anniversary-joint-committee-taxation.

Ceremonies

Ceremonies account for 30.7% of the events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. These ceremonies include presentations of awards, unveiling of official portraits, commemorations of event anniversaries, formal wreath layings, and prayer services. For example, the annual National Moment of Remembrance is held in Statuary Hall. In addition, prior to moving the statue to Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center, an annual lei draping ceremony at King Kamehameha statue was held in Statuary Hall. **Figure 2** shows the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason on January 15, 2020.

Figure 2. Congressional Gold Medal Presentation Ceremony for Stephen Gleason

January 15, 2020

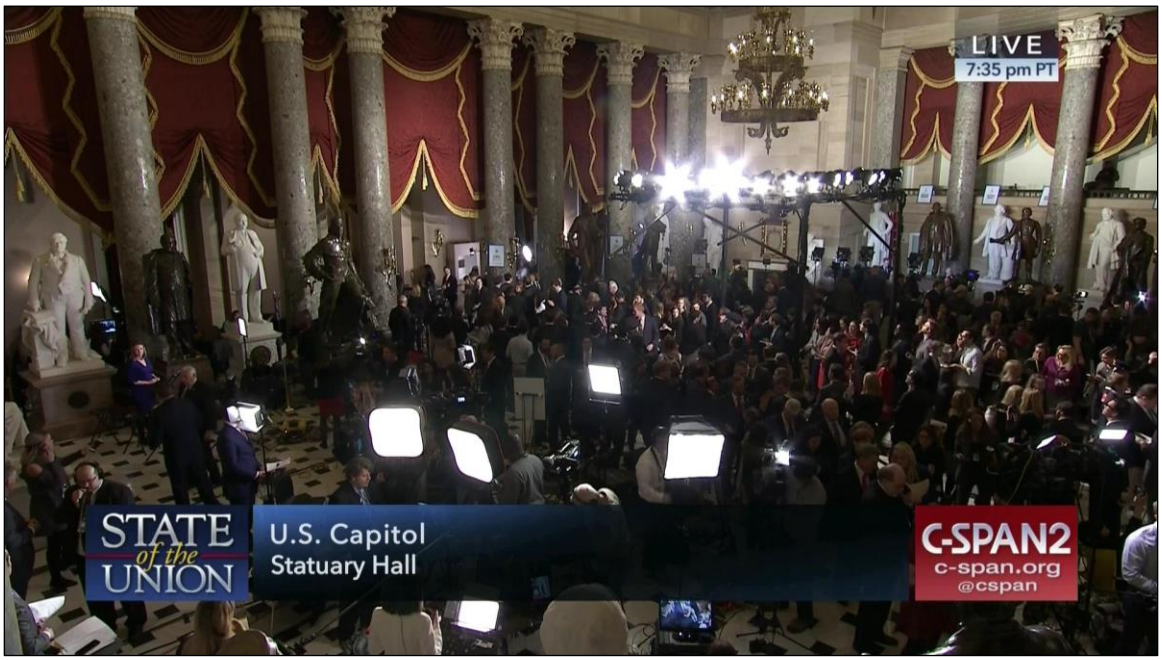
Source: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, "Former NFL Player Steve Gleason Receives Congressional Gold Medal," January 16, 2020, at https://www.house.gov/feature-stories/2020-1-16-former-nfl-player-steve-gleason-receives-congressional-gold-medal.

Media Events

Occasionally, Statuary Hall has been used as the location for media availability, primarily after a presidential address to a joint session of Congress in the House chamber. Media events represent 5.4% of the events held in Statuary Hall since 2005. **Figure 3** shows National Statuary Hall being used for Member media interviews following President Donald Trump's 2018 State of the Union address.

Figure 3. Media Interviews for State of the Union Address in National Statuary Hall

January 30, 2018



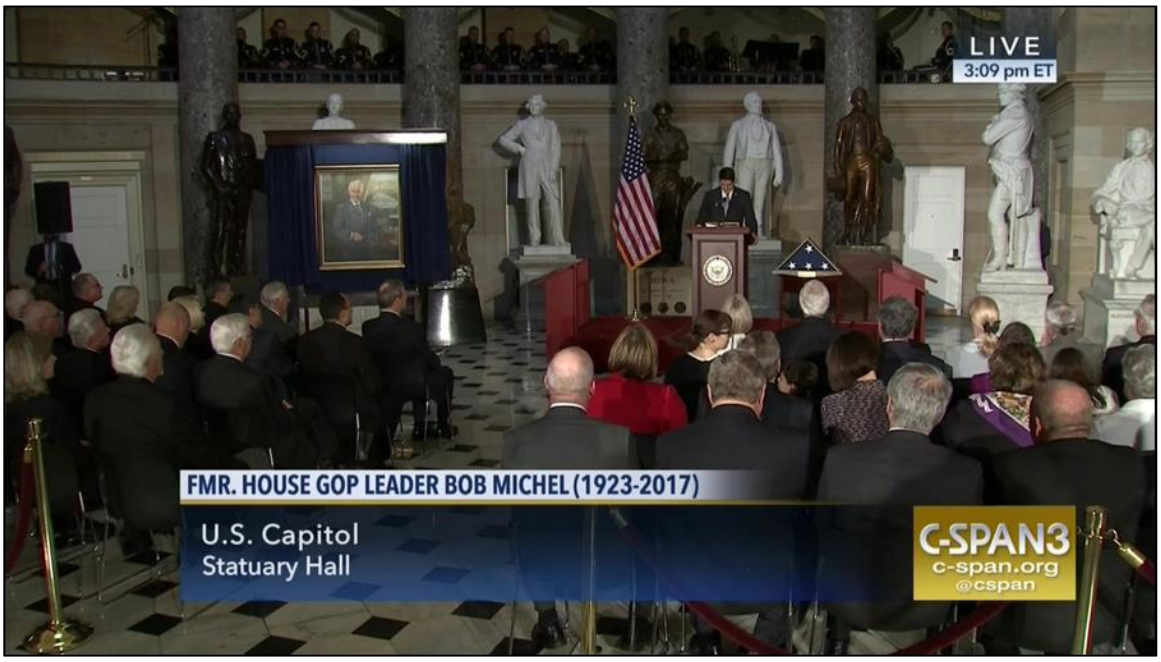
Source: CSPAN.org, "State of the Union Statuary Hall Interviews," at https://www.c-span.org/video/?402871-1/state-union-statuary-hall-interviews.

Memorial Services

Since 2005, 14 memorial services (7.6%) have been held in Statuary Hall—10 for individual then-current or former Members, and since 2016, an annual U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress memorial service to honor former Members who died in the past year. **Table 3** lists the memorial services held in Statuary Hall, including the Member honored and the date of the service; and **Figure 4** shows the memorial service for former Representative Bob Michel on March 9, 2017.

Figure 4. Memorial Ceremony for Former Representative Bob Michel

March 9, 2017



Source: CSPAN Twitter, "Memorial Service for Former Republican Leader Bob Michel," at https://twitter.com/cspan/status/839931294599557121.

Table 3. Memorial Services in National Statuary Hall Since 2005

Date	Member of Congress
January 5, 2005	Robert Matsui
May 17, 2007	Juanita Millender-McDonald
February 14, 2008	Tom Lantos
September 10, 2008	Stephanie Tubbs Jones
March 30, 2010	John P. Murtha
April 25, 2012	Donald M. Payne
October 29, 2013	Speaker Thomas Foley
September 14, 2016	Mark Takai
March 9, 2017	Robert Michel
April 18, 2018	Louise Slaughter

Source: CRS Analysis of Sergeant at Arms data.

Appendix. Events Held in Statuary Hall, 2005-2020

Since January 1, 2005, 183 events have been held in Statuary Hall. **Table A-1** contains a chronological list of these events, the date of the event, and the event type.

Table A-1. Events Held in Statuary Hall

January 5, 2005, to January 15, 2020

Date	Event	Type
1/5/2005	Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Robert Matsui	Memorial Service
1/20/2005	Inaugural Luncheon[a]	Reception/Dinner
2/2/2005	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
2/17/2005	Ceremony Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Placement in Statuary Hall of the Frances E. Willard Statue	Ceremony
3/2/2005	Reception following the Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie Robinson	Reception/Dinner
3/7/2005	Reception for New Members hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
4/16/2005	Kennedy Center Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
4/27/2005	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/19/2005	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/29/2005	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2005	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
6/5/2005	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/6/2005	King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony	Ceremony
6/7/2005	International Club Reception and Dinner	Reception/Dinner
7/4/2005	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
9/22/2005	Reception following the Dedication of the Statue of Po'pay from New Mexico	Reception/Dinner
1/21/2006	Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee	Ceremony
1/31/2006	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
3/15/2006	50th Anniversary of Hungarian Democracy with an Address by President George W. Bush	Ceremony
4/27/2006	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/6/2006	Kennedy Center Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/10/2006	U.S. House of Representatives Distinguished Service Award Presentation Ceremony to Vice President Cheney, Lindy Boggs, and Father Drinan	Ceremony
5/25/2006	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2006	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
6/11/2006	King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony	Ceremony
6/24/2006	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner

Date	Event	Type
7/4/2006	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/19/2006	Tribute to Retiring Members of Congress sponsored by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
11/13/2006	Speaker's Reception and Dinner Honoring New Members of the House	Reception/Dinner
11/14/2006	Democratic Leader's New Member Dinner	Reception/Dinner
12/6/2006	Speaker's Holiday Reception following the Lighting of the Capitol Christmas Tree on the West Front	Reception/Dinner
1/23/2007	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
3/29/2007	Photo Op with the Tuskegee Airmen, President Bush, and the Speaker prior to the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda[b]	Ceremony
4/7/2007	Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee	Ceremony
5/10/2007	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/17/2007	Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald	Memorial Service
5/27/2007	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2007	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
6/2/2007	Speaker hosted Reception and Dinner	Reception/Dinner
6/10/2007	King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony	Ceremony
6/21/2007	2007 Achievement Summit—Academy of Achievement Dinner and Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/23/2007	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/4/2007	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/17/2007	Reception honoring Dr. Norman Borlaug following the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda	Reception/Dinner
8/25/2007	Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring Father Junipero Serra	Ceremony
11/30/2007	Kennedy Center Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
12/4/2007	Presentation of the Freedom Award to former Speaker Thomas Foley by the U.S. Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
1/19/2008	Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Robert E. Lee[c]	Ceremony
1/28/2008	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
2/14/2008	Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Tom Lantos	Memorial Service
3/5/2008	Reception for the Washington Premiere of the HBO series of "John Adams" hosted by the Speaker	Reception/Dinner
4/3/2008	Congressional Tribute to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King "Renewing the Dream"	Ceremony
4/17/2008	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/21/2008	Congressional Tribute to the Centennial of the Birth of President Lyndon Johnson	Ceremony
5/25/2008	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner

Date	Event	Type
5/31/2008	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
5/31/2008	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/8/2008	King Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony[d]	Ceremony
7/4/2008	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
9/10/2008	Memorial Service for the Late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Memorial Service
9/24/2008	Reception Honoring Retiring Members of the 110th Congress and the Presentation of the Freedom Award by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
9/24/2008	Reception honoring the Congressional Black Caucus hosted by Speaker Pelosi and Leader Reid	Reception/Dinner
11/18/2008	Reception for New Members of Congress hosted by the Speaker	Reception/Dinner
12/7/2008	Kennedy Center Honors Reception	Reception/Dinner
12/15/2008	Reception Honoring Representative John Tanner and NATO Parliamentarians hosted by the Speaker	Reception/Dinner
1/20/2009	Inaugural Luncheon	Reception/Dinner
2/10/2009	Celebrating the Honorable John Dingell of Michigan on the Occasion of Becoming the Longest-Serving Member in the History of the U.S. House of Representatives	Ceremony
2/24/2009	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
5/13/2009	Reception for New Members of Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
5/24/2009	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2009	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
6/3/2009	Reception and Dinner honoring Mrs. Ronald Reagan and the Unveiling of the Statue of President Ronald Reagan	Reception/Dinner
6/16/2009	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/4/2009	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/28/2009	Unveiling of the Official Portrait of Speaker J. Dennis Hastert	Ceremony
1/27/2010	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
3/21/2010	Sunday Worship Service for Members of Congress and Congressional staff [e]	Ceremony
3/25/2010	Women's History Event Honoring Secretary Hillary Clinton hosted by the Speaker	Ceremony
3/30/2010	Memorial Service for the Late Honorable John P. Murtha	Memorial Service
5/30/2010	Memorial Day Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2010	National Moment of Remembrance	Ceremony
6/5/2010	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/15/2010	Association of Former Members of Congress Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/24/2010	Ceremony to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the End of the Korean War	Ceremony

Date	Event	Type
7/4/2010	July 4th Concert Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/24/2010	Reception and Dinner for the Spain/US Council Annual Forum	Reception/Dinner
7/26/2010	Reception honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act	Ceremony
11/8/2010	Kennedy Center Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
11/8/2010	Kennedy Center Reception Honoring the 2010 Recipient of the Mark Twain Award	Reception/Dinner
11/14/2010	Reception hosted by Leader Boehner for Republican New Members	Reception/Dinner
1/25/2011	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
3/9/2011	Reception to Welcome Members of the 112th Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
3/24/2011	150th Anniversary of the Congressional Medal of Honor	Reception/Dinner
3/30/2011	40th Anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus	Reception/Dinner
5/3/2011	Dinner Honoring the Unveiling of the Statue of President Gerald R. Ford	Reception/Dinner
5/31/2011	Reception following the Memorial Day Concert	Reception/Dinner
6/4/2011	Ford's Theatre Gala Rehearsal Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/14/2011	Former Members Association Annual Dinner	Reception/Dinner
7/4/2011	Reception following "A Capitol Fourth" Concert	Reception/Dinner
11/17/2011	Presentation of the Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award to Senator Daniel Inouye and Representative John Dingell	Ceremony
12/7/2011	35th Anniversary of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus	Reception/Dinner
12/12/2011	Farwell Reception Honoring the Service of the Honorable Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms	Ceremony
4/25/2012	Celebration of the Life of the Hon. Donald M. Payne	Memorial Service
5/8/2012	A Prayer of Rededication for America: Honoring George Washington's 223rd Anniversary of his Inauguration	Ceremony
5/27/2012	Reception following the Memorial Day Concert	Reception/Dinner
6/2/2012	Ford's Theatre Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/4/2012	Reception following the Capitol Fourth Concert	Reception/Dinner
9/7/2012	Welcome Reception for the G-8 Presiding Officers	Reception/Dinner
10/26/2012	Academy of Achievement Dinner and Reception	Reception/Dinner
11/13/2012	Dinner for new Members of the 113th Congress hosted by the Speaker	Reception/Dinner
11/14/2012	Dinner for new Members of the 113th Congress hosted by the Democratic Leader	Reception/Dinner
1/21/2013	Inaugural Luncheon	Reception/Dinner
2/27/2013	Dedication and Unveiling of a Statue of Rosa Parks	Ceremony
3/6/2013	Welcome Reception for New Members of the 113th Congress hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner

Date	Event	Type
5/8/2013	Washington: A Man of Prayer Service	Ceremony
5/14/2013	Former Members Association Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/1/2013	Ford's Theatre Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/5/2013	Centennial of the Inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson	Reception/Dinner
6/13/2013	Celebration Recognizing Representative John D. Dingell as the Longest-Serving Member in the History of the U.S. Congress	Ceremony
7/23/2013	Celebration of the 90th Birthday of Senator Robert J. Dole	Reception/Dinner
7/31/2013	50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom	Ceremony
9/10/2013	Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley	Ceremony
10/29/2013	Memorial Service to Honor Former Speaker Thomas Foley	Memorial Service
10/30/2013	Dedication of a Bust of Sir Winston Churchill	Ceremony
11/20/2013	Freedom Award Presentation hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
3/13/2014	New Members Reception hosted by the Capitol Historical Society	Reception/Dinner
3/25/2014	Congressional Ceremony Commemorating the Dedication of the Statue of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug (Iowa)	Ceremony
4/30/2014	Anne Frank Tree Dedication	Ceremony
5/7/2014	Washington: A Man of Prayer Service	Ceremony
7/20/2014	American-Australian Education Leadership Dialogue	Reception/Dinner
11/12/2014	Dinner for New Members of the 114th Congress hosted by the Democratic Leader	Reception/Dinner
11/13/2014	Dinner for New Members of the 114th Congress hosted by the Republican Leader	Reception/Dinner
11/19/2014	Presentation of the Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award to Representative John Lewis	Reception/Dinner
11/19/2014	Dedication of a bust of Vaclav Havel	Ceremony
2/11/2015	Congressional ceremony commemorating the dedication of the Statue of the Honorable Barry Goldwater of Arizona	Ceremony
3/4/2015	150th Commemoration of President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address	Reception/Dinner
5/30/2015	Ford's Theater Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
8/14/2015	110th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Statue of Francis Willard	Ceremony
1/12/2016	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
2/24/2016	Reception honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Joint Committee on Taxation	Reception/Dinner
3/2/2016	Women's History Event honoring Veterans hosted by Rep. Nancy Pelosi with President and Mrs. Obama	Reception/Dinner
4/27/2016	Washington: A Man of Prayer	Prayer Service
5/11/2016	U.S. Capitol Historical Society Freedom Award Ceremony	Reception/Dinner

Date	Event	Type
5/18/2016	Reception Commemorating the Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland	Reception/Dinner
6/12/2016	Ford's Theatre Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/15/2016	U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service honoring former Members who died in the past year	Memorial Service
6/16/2016	Media Event hosted by the Speaker of the House about the U.S. Constitution	Media Event
9/14/2016	Celebration of the Life of Rep. Mark Takai	Memorial Service
9/21/2016	Congressional Statue Dedication Ceremony in honor of Thomas Alva Edison	Ceremony
11/14/2016	Dinner hosted by the Speaker of the House to Honor Newly Elected Republican Members of the 115th Congress	Reception/Dinner
11/15/2016	Dinner hosted by the Democratic Leader to Honor Newly Elected Democratic Members of the 115th Congress	Reception/Dinner
1/20/2017	Inaugural Luncheon hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies	Reception/Dinner
2/28/2017	Media Availability for Members of Congress following a Presidential Address before a Joint Session of Congress	Media Event
3/9/2017	A Celebration of the Life of former Rep. Robert Michel	Memorial Service
4/26/2017	"Washington: A Man of Prayer" Prayer Event	Ceremony
5/4/2017	National Day of Prayer Celebration	Ceremony
5/25/2017	Wreath Laying Ceremony to Honor the Armed Services	Ceremony
6/3/2017	Ford's Theatre Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
9/27/2017	Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service Honoring Former Members of Congress who Passed in the Last Year	Memorial Service
10/5/2017	Reception hosted by Whip Scalise Honoring First Responders	Reception/Dinner
4/12/2018	Ceremony to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Ceremony
4/18/2018	A Celebration of the Life of the Late Honorable Louise Slaughter	Memorial Service
5/14/2018	GOP Spouse Reception and Tour	Reception/Dinner
5/23/2018	Capitol Historical Society Reception honoring the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Reception/Dinner
6/9/2018	Ford's Theatre Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
9/5/2018	Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service Honoring Former Members of Congress Who Passed in the Last Year	Memorial Service
9/18/2018	225th Anniversary of Laying of the Capitol Cornerstone	Ceremony
9/26/2018	"Washington: A Man of Prayer" Prayer Event	Ceremony
11/13/2018	Speaker's Reception and Dinner in Honor of the Newly Elected Members of the 116th Congress	Reception/Dinner
11/14/2018	Democratic Leader's Reception and Dinner Honoring Democratic Members-elect of the 116th Congress	Reception/Dinner
3/27/2019	Women's History Month Event	Ceremony

Date	Event	Type
5/1/2019	"Lincoln Room" (H-226) Naming Ceremony	Ceremony
5/2/2019	National Day of Prayer Celebration	Ceremony
5/13/2019	Reception and tour hosted by House Minority Leader for GOP First Ladies	Reception/Dinner
5/14/2019	Reception and tour hosted by Democratic Caucus Chair for Democratic First Ladies	Reception/Dinner
5/21/2019	House Passage of 19th Amendment Centennial Reception	Reception/Dinner
6/1/2019	Ford's Theatre Gala Reception	Reception/Dinner
7/16/2019	U.S. Capitol Historical Society Welcome Reception for 116th Congress	Reception/Dinner
9/18/2019	Dedication of Statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear from Nebraska	Ceremony
9/26/2019	Association of Former Members of Congress Memorial Service	Memorial Service
10/24/2019	Arrival Ceremony for Rep. Elijah Cummings Lying in State[f]	Ceremony
10/19/2019	Unveiling of the Official Portrait of Speaker John A. Boehner	Ceremony
1/15/2020	Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in honor of Stephen Michael Gleason	Ceremony

Source: The list of events held in National Statuary Hall was provided to CRS by the Office of the House Sergeant at Arms. The House Sergeant at Arms maintains the list of events.

Notes: In March 2020, the House began restricting access to the House office buildings and the House wing of the Capitol because of COVID-19. No events were held in Statuary Hall after the January 15, 2020, Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Stephen Gleason. For more information, see U.S. Congress. House, Committee on House Administration and Committee on Ethics, "Update about the Coronavirus: Joint House Administration-Ethics Guidance," at https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=295964.

a. Inaugural lunches are hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC). The first luncheon in Statuary Hall was held in 1953 for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

b. The Gold Medal Ceremony for the Tuskegee Airmen was held in the Rotunda (see S.Con.Res. 15, 110th Congress). In addition to being used for photo opportunities, Statuary Hall was used as an overflow room for the Gold Medal Ceremony.

c. The Robert E. Lee statue was moved to the Capitol Crypt in 2008.

d. The King Kamehameha statue was moved to the Capitol Visitor Center's (CVC's) Emancipation Hall in 2009. The Lei Draping ceremony was moved to the CVC beginning in June 2009.

e. The worship service held in Statuary Hall was in conjunction with a Sunday session of the House [*Congressional Record*, daily edition, vol. 156 (March 21, 2010), pp. H-1819-H1890.]

f. Representative Elijah Cummings lay in state at the main door to the House chamber on October 24, 2019. For more information, see U.S. Congress, Office of the House Sergeant at Arms, "Arrangements for the Late Honorable Elijah Cummings," at https://e-dearcolleague.house.gov/Home/Preview?DCID=278042; and CRS Insight IN11472, *Members of the House of Representatives Lying in State in the U.S. Capitol*, by Jacob R. Straus.

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